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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

14 February 2020

Steven Carrigan, City Manager  
City of Merced  
678 West 18<sup>th</sup> St  
Merced, CA 95340

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
AND  
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0079219)**

**FOR**

**CITY OF MERCED  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
MERCED COUNTY**

**TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:**

Enclosed are tentative Waste Discharge Requirements/NPDES Permit for the City of Merced (Discharger), Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility). Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the proposed Order should be submitted to this office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **16 March 2020** in order for us to give them full consideration prior to the meeting of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board). Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **16 March 2020** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for the Central Valley Water Board to consider adoption of the proposed Order at its **16/17 April 2020** Board Meeting. A Notice of Public Hearing (Notice) concerning the proposed Order is also enclosed.

The Central Valley Water Board has not reviewed or made any decision concerning the tentative Order, which may still be revised following the comment period. Revised documents along with comments and the staff responses will be posted on the above website and placed in the Central Valley Water Board meeting agenda. The Central Valley Water Board will consider these and any appropriate oral testimony at the

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KARL E. LONGLEY ScD, P.E., CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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scheduled public hearing. The Central Valley Water Board may elect to adopt an order that differs from the recommended Order and may do so without another public comment period if determined to be consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

To conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the tentative NPDES Permit package to the Discharger only. Interested persons may download the document from the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders)). Copies of the document may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Order, or if you wish to request paper copies, please contact Nicolette Dentoni at (559) 444-2505 or [Nicolette.Dentoni@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nicolette.Dentoni@waterboards.ca.gov).

*Original Signed by:*  
MATTHEW S. SCROGGINS  
Senior Engineer

Enclosures (2):  
Tentative NPDES Permit (Discharger Only)  
Notice of Public Hearing (Discharger Only)

cc:  
Elizabeth Sablad, USEPA, Region IX, San Francisco (via email only)  
Peter Kozelka, USEPA Region IX, San Francisco (via email only)  
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento  
Jessica Jahr, State Water Resources Control Board, OCC, Sacramento (via email)  
Division of Water Quality, State Water Board, Sacramento (email only)  
Jose Robledo, State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water, Fresno  
Julie Vance, Regional Manager, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fresno  
Department of Toxic Substances Control Division, Clovis  
Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin District, Fresno  
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Merced County, Environmental Health Department  
Merced County, Department of Public Works  
Bill Osmer, City of Merced, Merced (via email)  
Jeremy Geiger, City of Merced, Merced (via email)  
Bill Jennings, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance  
Debbie Webster, Central Valley Clean Water Association, Sacramento  
Native American Heritage Commission, Native American Contacts (Merced County)